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1. In the period 1949-1952, the national income was increased annually by 13.8 percent, in place of the 13 percent envisaged by the Five-Year Plan. It has reached a level two and one-half times greater than that of 1939.
2. Prior to 1939, the national income had never increased by more than 5.5 percent per year. During the war, the national income level was 91.4 percent that of prior to 1939.
3. The factors which account for this increase are primarily the development of industry. In 1952, industrial production had increased to 2.4 times that of 1948 and 4.3 times that of 1939.
4. The increase of national income was dependent also upon the increases in the productivity of labor. This productivity, in the Five-Year Plan period, was increased in comparison with the preceding year, as follows:
 - a. 1949, increased by 11 percent;
 - b. 1950, increased by 12.5 percent;
 - c. 1951, increased by 13.7 percent; and
 - d. 1952, increased by 11 percent.
5. Another cause for the increase in national income is the greater number of workers: 330,043 in the course of the Five-Year Plan period.
6. Also noted as a cause of the increase in national income is the participation of workers in the Communist Party spirit for economy of materials, more rational utilization of machinery and equipment, and a lowering of production costs.

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7. The growth of industry and the increase in construction has contributed in modifying the influence of the various industrial branches involved in the formation of the national income. This relation was established by the various units, as follows:

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1952</u>
Industry	24.3	31.1	47.3
Construction	2.9	5.3	5.8
Rural economy	55.9	52.6	34.3
Transport, commerce, etc.	16.9	11.0	12.6
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0

8. With the changes in the influence of each branch of the economy in the formation of the national income has come also changes regarding the contribution of various social units. Prior to 1948, the State units contributed 39.1 percent, the co-operative units 5.4 percent, and private units 55.5 percent. In 1952, the State units provided 62 percent of the total, cooperatives 20.3 percent, cooperative artisans and members of State agricultural stations (workers and employees) 2.8 percent, and private farmers 14 percent.

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